



H.R. 2251 – Acadia National Park Improvement Act of 2007

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 2251 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Michael Michaud (D-ME) on May 9, 2007. This legislation was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, but was not considered.

H.R. 2251 is expected to be considered on February 12, 2008.

BACKGROUND

Acadia National Park is located on the Maine coast and consists of 47,000 acres of protected land of which 35,332 acres are owned by the National Park Service. According to information on the National Park Service website, Acadia National Park receives more than 2 million recreational visits each year.

The Acadia National Park Advisory Commission was established by the 1986 park boundary legislation (Public Law 99-420) and was set to expire on September 25, 2006.

SUMMARY

H.R. 2251 allows for the conveyance of Federally owned lands outside park boundaries to towns in which the property is located.

H.R. 2251 extends the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission for through September 25, 2026. It also increases the land acquisition ceiling to \$28 million.

**Note: The extension is for the Commission is for an additional 20 years beginning on September 25, 2006.*

This legislation directs the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, construction, and operation of an intermodal transportation center located outside the boundary of Acadia National Park in Trenton, ME. It allows the Secretary enter into interagency agreements and cooperative agreements with States, localities, and nonprofit organizations to provide financial assistance for the construction of the intermodal transportation center, facilitate the dissemination of information about the park and the Island Explorer transportation network, and provide exhibits, interpretive services, and technical assistance. It authorizes such sums as necessary to be appropriated.

**Note: The Island Explorer transportation network is a propane powered bus network that serves Acadia National Park and the surrounding area.*

COST

There is no cost estimate available at this time.

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